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Q. And on the left part of this slide, it designates that area as the protest response zone; is that correct?

A. Yes.

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Q. Okay. And so on June 8th, within that area, is this slide indicating that anywhere in that area, that the SPD had -- that the SFD had to wait for the Seattle Police Department to secure the area before they would enter?

A. Anywhere in the red zone.

Q. Okay. That didn't include the yellow area; is that correct?

A. It did not.

Q. Okay. I understand this slide as defining the protest response zone as the yellow area.

Do you feel -- do you feel otherwise?

A. I do. The yellow identifies the warm zone. The protest response zone is the red, and it's written in there, "protest hot zone."

Q. Okay. I'd like you to look at the left where it says "Protest response zone," colon, and then it has, Denny, Union, Broadway, and 13th.

Do you see that?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. I understand that as indicating that the

that area -- within the -- within the yellow area for the fire department to respond; correct?

A. It could be. Just like any other warm zone that we would set up geographical boundaries for, yes.

Q. Okay. And so was it within that sit- -- within that yellow zone you had modified -- the City modified its response for basic life support and advanced life support. I can ask it different -- I can ask that question differently if it -- if it would be clearer for you, which -- let's just re-ask it.

So is it the case that within that yellow area, the entire yellow area, bounded by Denny, Union, Broadway and 13th, the Seattle Fire Department had a modified response for basic life support and advanced life support on June 8, 2020?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. And as indicated on -- and you spoke a little bit about this earlier, but so for basic life support it required one aid car, one engine, and one battalion chief to respond to that; is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. What's -- what's an aid car?

A. An aid car is two firefighter EMTs on an ambulance, basically. Our terminology is to call it an aid car so we can differentiate between an aid car and a

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protest response zone was that area, Denny, Union, Broadway, and 13th.

Do you have a different understanding?

A. I do. That's our warm zone, and this gave our folks situational awareness for this protest hot zone. And so here's some of the challenges, for example, and reason why we have to lay this out a little wider. Just navigating around that area in our vehicles are very challenging just when you look at the red zone that's outlined there. So all of our folks need to have situational awareness for a larger area.

Q. Okay. And that larger area was Denny, Union, Broadway, and 13th; is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. And why -- why do they need to have additional situation -- why do they need to have additional situational awareness within that area?

A. Because one never knows what spills outside of the hot zone. So our folks need to really be paying attention. This was on June 8th, so this is the first day that the landscape kind of changed for us. So our folks needed to have situational awareness because you never know what you're going to, you know, come upon in any of these streets around -- around there.

Q. It potentially could be unsafe within that --

1 medic unit, which is two firefighter paramedics in an 2 ambulance.

Q. Okay.

A. So the level of training is different.

Q. Okay. And a battalion chief, can you -- can you kind of describe to me where in the hierarchy a battalion chief sits?

A. A battalion chief is the first level of fire management. The rank structure in the organization, from battalion chief it goes up to deputy chief, then transitions to assistant chief, and then to fire chief. The rank and file, the labor side, is firefighter -- we have firefighter drivers, we have all of our technical teams, we have lieutenants, and we have captains. So battalion chief is above the captain level.

So in the city, we have the city broken up into five geographical boundaries, and each geographical boundary has a battalion chief that's in charge of between six and eight fire stations, so they're basically the manager in charge of that geographical boundary.

Q. Okay. So how many battalion chiefs are there in the city of Seattle?

A. Let's see. I believe 24.

Q. Okay.

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Page 73 Page 75 1 Q. She is proposing that from sunset to dusk the 1 versus actual incidents. 2 CHOP red zone expand to the outline of the warm zone for 2 A. I think our folks on the ground were making 3 3 safetv. real-time decisions based on what was in front of them, 4 Do you see that? 4 but if a scene of violence or a cardiac event happened 5 5 A. I do see that. inside of the red zone, the responding units would have 6 Q. Do you know whether that was -- that proposal 6 to make those real-time decisions to meet up with law 7 was ever adopted into policy at the fire department? 7 enforcement and then go to where they needed to go to 8 A. Into our planning, our operational planning. 8 treat the patient. 9 9 Q. Yes. BY MR. WEAVER: 10 A. I'm trying to think of that last map because 10 Q. Do you know of any instance from June 8th for most areas it looked like it eventually did expand. 11 through June 30, 2020, where the fire department went 11 I don't know on June 22, 2020, if it expanded that day. into the red zone with the police and either put out a 12 12 13 fire or assisted a victim? 13 Q. Then the bullet point between 1 and 2 in this email indicates that the fire department was giving B2 14 14 A. I don't know. I would have to look at our 15 chiefs the flexibility to recon and gather information 15 response information, but I don't think that there were 16 to help with the decisions about staging and when entry 16 any significant fires during this period of time that we 17 is safe. 17 would have needed to go put out a fire. I think it may 18 18 Is that -- do you see that, first of all? have been more of a medical issue, but I'd have to 19 A. Yes, I do see that 2. 19 follow up on that. I don't know. 20 Q. And is that an accurate description of what 20 Q. Okay. With regard to the medical issues, do you recall any instance in which the fire department 21 was -- the sort of discretion that was given to the 21 22 chiefs in June 2020, with regard to this area? 22 went in with the police during the period of June 8th to 2.3 A. Yes. We -- we normally give that type of 23 June 30, 2020, to address a medical issue in the red 24 flexibility to our chiefs to gain situational awareness 24 25 so they can share information that would help us with a 25 A. I don't -- I don't recall because I'm not sure Page 74 Page 76 1 safer response. 1 if there was a response to a location inside of the red 2 Q. So would you say the exact boundaries of the 2 zone for us to actually respond to. For example, at 3 red zone could fluctuate depending on what the exact 3 12th and Pine, I'm not sure if we got a response to go 4 circumstances in a particular incident were? 4 to 12th and Pine for a medical emergency. I'm not sure 5 5 A. Correct. That goes back to our scenes of if that actually happened. So I -- I can't be 100 6 violence situations. So if they spill out, whether 6 percent sure on that one. 7 7 Q. Do you recall that there were some medical they're outside of this area or in another part of the 8 emergencies from June 8th through June 30, 2020, that city, the response personnel can make those real-time 8 9 calls on where to push pause until we have proper 9 were reported in the red zone? 10 10 support. A. I can take that assumption that there probably 11 Q. Then in her No. 2, a couple lines there, she 11 was. It's a busy area, a lot of people there. 12 12 Q. Do you recall any shootings that occurred indicates that as of the time of this email, June 22, 13 2020, non-SOV events, such as cardiac, are currently 13 during that time period within the red zone? 14 treated in the same -- treated the same in the red zone 14 A. Yes. as SOVs. Q. Do you recall whether for any of those 15 15 16 16 shootings the Seattle Fire Department entered the area Do you see that? 17 17 to treat victims within the red zone with the Seattle 18 Q. Okay. And SOV refers to scene of violence; is 18 **Police Department?** 19 that correct? 19 A. I do believe we entered the area with the 20 A. Yes. 20 Seattle Police Department on occasions to treat a 21 Q. So what do you -- first of all, is her 21 victim. I'm just not sure of the geographical 22 statement of -- is her statement of what was going on on 22 boundaries based on the day because it was always 23 the scene accurate, in your understanding of what was 23 changing. 24 going on with responding to events in the red zone? 24 Q. Okay. But you don't recall -- you can't sit 25 25 here and say that you know of an instance where the MR. FARMER: Objection. Vague as to policy

Page 77 Page 79 Seattle Fire Department treated somebody during the 1 1 an MI is? There's a reference to an MI. period of June 8th through June 30, 2020, within the red 2 2 A. Myocardial infarction. 3 zone; is that right? 3 Q. Okay. So a heart attack? 4 A. Right. I -- I can say we entered with law 4 A. Yes. 5 5 enforcement to treat a patient. I'm just not 100 Q. Was what was -- is what's described in this 6 percent sure on the geographical boundaries. 6 email from Dale Watanabe, and the directions that were 7 Q. Okay. Was it the case for incidents within the 7 given to the person who reported they were having a 8 red zone, whatever it was on a particular day, that the 8 myocardial infarction, consistent with the policy that Seattle Fire Department could not go into the area and 9 was in place on June 20, 2020? 9 would not go into the area unless the police department 10 10 MR. FARMER: Object to the form of the determined that it would go into the area? 11 11 auestion. MR. FARMER: Object to the form of the 12 12 A. Well, this is a real-time situation that the 13 13 dispatcher -- because Dale Watanabe is one of our question. 14 You may answer. 14 dispatchers -- gave a caller in the 911 system 15 A. Sure. In the area that was identified as the 15 information to get to fire station one block east of 16 red or the hot zone, it was our practice to partner up 16 your location, Fire Station 25. 17 with law enforcement, make sure that we had proper 17 So I don't know what else was said on that 18 support, and then go in if we needed to. But that would 18 call. I don't know what other ailments the individual 19 be similar to a shooting or a stabbing today. We would 19 may have had. But the dispatcher apparently felt 20 pause, wait for law enforcement to clear the scene, and 20 comfortable enough to ask the person to walk to the fire 21 then we would go into the scene. So that's our -station one block away. But that's all I'm seeing here. 21 22 that's our standard practice. 22 That's not the situation we wanted. 23 BY MR. WEAVER: 23 BY MR. WEAVER: 24 Q. Was it the practice that for any area or any 24 Q. Okay. So Dale Watanabe is a dispatcher, you 25 call within the red zone, as it existed on any day from 25 said. Is he -- okay. Page 78 Page 80 June 8th to June 30, 2020, that it was the policy of the 1 So do you read his email as saying that --1 2 2 indicating that he was comfortable telling the person to Seattle Police -- Fire Department to not enter the area 3 3 walk to the fire station? unless the Seattle Police Department accompanied them? MR. FARMER: Objection. Asked and answered. 4 4 MR. FARMER: Objection. Sorry. Objection. 5 5 Chief, you may answer again. Calls for speculation. 6 A. Oh, yes, that was our operational plan. 6 A. No, I don't read that statement in his email, 7 7

(Exhibit No. 11 marked.)

BY MR. WEAVER:

Q. And -- all right. I'll leave it there for now.

So if you could go to what I've introduced as

Exhibit 11. It's in the chat already. 11

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Q. So do you have it up?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. So there was an email that was written,

that was then forwarded to you.

Do you recall the incident discussed in this -in this email from Dale Watanabe?

A. Right. I'll take a look.

Q. Okay.

A. Yes, I've -- I've read that.

Q. Okay. Do you recall that incident?

A. I don't recall the incident, but after reading

24 it, it does hit the refresh button a bit.

Q. Okay. So what was your understanding of what

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Q. Okay. What is your understanding of what the policy would be today if somebody at 6 -- 1660 12th Avenue called the fire department, indicated that they were having symptoms of a cardiac arrest -- is it your understanding in that situation that it would have been consistent with the current policy, today, to tell them to walk to Fire Station 25?

A. No.

Q. And why is that?

A. Today? We wouldn't have any obstructions blocking our units from actually making it to this address location, 1660 12th Avenue. What is it, just north of the east precinct. So this is probably the building that is right on 12th, on the east side of the street there. But we wouldn't have any obstructions blocking our units from getting there.

Q. Okay. So your understanding is that in this

Page 133 Page 135 1 1 A. No. Station 25 was literally one block --2 2 Q. Did there become a time around June 7th or Q. Sure. 3 June 8, 2020, that the fire department and the police 3 A. -- up the street. But each and every day department were concerned that there might be a fire set our 33 stations are staffed and ready to go. 4 4 to the building that houses the east precinct? 5 Q. Okay. So I'd like you to look again at 5 Exhibit 14, and look at -- look at the notes under 6 A. There was. 6 7 Q. And what was the source of that information? 7 Slide 10. 8 A. I believe it was the FBI. 8 A. Uh-huh. Q. Did you talk to the FBI, yourself, about --9 9 Q. And where it says, "June 8 -- June 8 decision tipping point when SPD left its precinct," were you 10 about that issue? 10 A. I did. involved in the decision made by the Seattle Police 11 11 Q. Okay. Can you describe your conversation or 12 Department to vacate the east precinct on June 8th? 12 conversations with them about that issue? 13 13 A. No. A. Sure. Vaguely, he expressed that there was Q. When did you hear that the Seattle Police 14 14 15 a -- a credible threat to burn the building, and that's 15 Department had made a decision to vacate the east 16 what we talked about. 16 precinct on June 8th? 17 Q. Was that on June 8, 2020? Do you recall? 17 A. I don't know exactly, but I'm sure it was 18 A. I'm not sure if it was on June 8th, but if it 18 sometime that morning, as we watched the activity around wasn't, it was leading up to. I'm not sure of the exact 19 19 the precinct. 20 date and time. 20 Q. How did you find out about it? Q. So what steps did the -- did the fire A. It was -- I'm not sure exactly, whether it was 21 21 22 department take with that information to protect or try 22 in the meeting or watching the activities that were 23 to protect the east precinct? 23 unfolding earlier that afternoon. I'm not sure which 24 A. Well, when you say try to protect the east 24 came first. 25 precinct, I'm not sure what that means. 25 Q. Did you -- yeah. Sorry. We just talked over Page 134 Page 136 Q. From being burned down. Did you do anything in 1 1 again. 2 particular? 2 So what did you mean by that it was a tipping 3 point when they left the precinct? 3 A. We don't do pre-deployment of, I don't know, A. Sure. So when they left the precinct, the 4 chemicals -- like you see in the wild lands, for 4 5 5 example. protesters initially marched by the precinct, and many 6 Q. Sure. 6 of us thought, okay, well, that -- they'll just have a 7 A. If a wildfire is coming you can predeploy 7 new route. But at some point they made a U-turn and 8 came back into the space, and the tipping point was 8 things on the structures, but that's not what we do. We 9 did an assessment. We revealed the building 9 repurposing the water barriers and the gate barriers, construction, we reviewed the contiguous walls to the --10 and staying in the space. So that changed the landscape 10 we were trying to understand the lay of the land there 11 11 immediately. 12 12 Q. Okay. What did they repurpose the barriers with the businesses that were to the south. We reviewed 13 13 the distance in that alleyway to the west, to that next for? 14 building, to understand, you know, if there was a fire, 14 A. To not -- to not allow traffic north, south, 15 what would be the fire spread, what would be our 15 east, or west on the streets around the east precinct. opportunities and challenges. We reviewed the water MR. WEAVER: Can we go off the record for a 16 16 17 systems and things like that. 17 minute? Q. Did you have men and equipment on the ready to 18 18 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record. fight a fire at that particular location on that day? 19 19 The time is approximately 1:54 p.m. 2.0 A. As we do every day. 20 (Pause in proceedings.) 21 Q. Okay. There was no special precautions for 21 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are back on the 22 that area on that day; is --22 record. The time is approximately 1:55 p.m. 23 A. Well, the precautions that we talked about, the 23 BY MR. WEAVER: 24 24 additional resources and things like that, that we -- we Q. When you saw that the protesters had repurposed 25 25 the barriers, did you have any concerns as a -- as the had that almost every day during this time period. Fire

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1 2 3	Q. Your City phone, I mean. A. No.
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3	O Okay And do you have a personal email address
4	Q. Okay. And do you have a personal email address that you use?
5	A. I do.
	Q. What's what's the email address?
	[Confidential]
	MR. FARMER: Cindy, we would I'm sorry,
	Mr. Weaver. Cindy, we would ask that you mark the last
	question and answer as confidential under the protective
	order in the case, please.
	MR. WEAVER: And we have no objection to
	that. I expected that, so I was actually going to
	mention that we would keep that confidential.
15	So unless your attorney has questions, I am
16	done.
17	MR. FARMER: No questions.
18	Cindy, we'll reserve signature. Thank you.
19	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Thank you. This
20	concludes today's deposition of Harold Scoggins. The
21	time is approximately 5:00 p.m. Going off the record.
22	(Deposition concluded at 5:00 p.m.)
23	(Reading and signing was requested
24	pursuant to FRCP Rule 30(e).)
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3	STATE OF WASHINGTON
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6	I, Cindy M. Koch, a Certified Court Reporter in
7	and for the State of Washington, do hereby certify that
8	the foregoing transcript of the deposition of Harold
9	Scoggins, having been duly sworn, on September 14, 2021,
10	is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, skill
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	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that I have read my within deposition, and the same is true and accurate, save and except for changes and/or corrections, if any, as indicated by me on the ERRATA flyleaf page hereof.

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Signed on the 22 day of October , 2021.



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